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REMARKS

This paper is responsive to any paper(s) indicated above, and is responsive in any other manner indicated below.

CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant's 22 November 2005 information disclosure statement (IDS) has not been acknowledged as having been considered, i.e., a copy of any Form(s) PTO-1449 has not been returned with Examiner initialing to indicate consideration. Applicant specifically requests return of an Examiner-initialed copy indicating that the information (i.e., references) has been considered. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner in advance for such initialing/consideration.

ABSTRACT OBJECTION - REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT SHEET

The abstract has been objected to because of the Office Action concerns listed on page 2 of the Office Action. As the attached replacement abstract sheet is believed to be of proper form, reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the abstract, are respectfully requested. In the event that the present replacement abstract is itself found not to be of proper form, the Examiner is herein authorized to amend to a suitable replacement abstract. With respect to any past, present or any ultimately implemented Abstract or amendment thereof, Applicant would like to reiterate and embrace

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the 37 CFR 1.72(b) provisions that "The abstract will not be used for interpreting the scope of the claims."

PENDING CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 were pending, under consideration and subjected to examination in the Office Action. Appropriate claims have been amended, canceled and/or added (without prejudice or disclaimer) in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 1-11 will be pending for further consideration and examination in the application.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS OBVIATED VIA CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claims 1-11 have been objected to because of the Office Action concerns listed within the section numbered "6" on page 2 of the Office Action. As amendments have been made where appropriate in order to address each of the Office Action listed concerns, reconsideration and withdrawal of the claim objection are respectfully requested. Regarding item 6B of the Office Action, Applicant's system manages a direction of not only a selected output device, but also all output devices managed by the system. Accordingly, insertion of the term "selected" is not necessary.

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REJECTION UNDER '112, 2ND PAR. OBVIATED VIA CLAIM AMENDMENT

Claims 10-11 have been rejected under 35 USC '112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the concerns listed within the section numbered "7" on page 2 of the Office Action. Claims 10-11 have been carefully reviewed and carefully amended where appropriate in order to address the Office Action listed concerns, i.e., claims 10-11 have been rewritten into an acceptable Beauregard type of claim. As the foregoing is believed to have addressed all '112 second paragraph concerns, reconsideration and withdrawal of the '112 second paragraph rejection are respectfully requested.

'101 REJECTION - BEAUREGARD CLAIM(S)

Claims 10-11 have been rejected under 35 USC 101, apparently because such claims were not written in a proper Beauregard format. Applicant respectfully submits that appropriate ones of the rejected claims have been rewritten in a proper Beauregard format. Based upon the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the '101 rejection are respectfully requested.

REWRITTEN ALLOWABLE CLAIMS

The section "10" on page 3 of the Office Action appears to be stating that claims 1-11 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the informality (i.e., non-prior-art) objections/rejections. As claim 1-11 have been so

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rewritten, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Applicant and the undersigned respectfully thank the Examiner for such
indication of allowable subject matter.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is herein invited to telephone the undersigned attorneys
at the local Washington, D.C. area telephone number of 703/312-6600 for
discussing any Examiner's Amendments or other suggested actions for
accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or
cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the
present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above
statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made
without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or
admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any
scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file
subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to
any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently
amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e.,
Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate

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or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present
application to the public.


CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant
respectfully submits that the claims listed above as presently being under
consideration in the application are now in condition for allowance.

To whatever extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of
time. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the
filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of
Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135
(Case No. 566.43759X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit
account.

Respectfully submitted,

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